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Blossoms to Peak Right on Time

CHERRY OUTLOOK: Saena Fukui, and other Washington School of Ballet dancers who will take part in this year's National Cherry Blossom Festival, welcome guests to a news conference about the festival Tuesday. The National Park Service's chief horticulturist, Rob DeFeo, said the blossoms are expected to be in peak bloom during the event, held this year from March 28 to April 12.

Warrant Issued in Levy Case

Police charge immigrant in the killing of former intern

WASHINGTON | An arrest warrant was issued Tuesday for an imprisoned Salvadoran immigrant in the killing of federal intern Chandra Levy, nearly eight years after the case captivated the country and ended the career of a congressman.

The warrant accuses Ingmar Guandique of killing Levy on May 1, 2001, as she jogged through Rock Creek Park in Washington, D.C. Guandique, 27, is already serving time in a federal prison in Adelanto, Calif., for attacking two women in the same park in the weeks following Levy's disappearance. "We take solace in the fact that the search for the person responsible has ended and our daughter can finally truly rest in peace," Levy's parents said in a statement.



Guandique

The break was a long-awaited development in an investigation that had gone cold for years after destroying the career of former U.S. Rep. Gary Condit of California. Authorities questioned Condit, her congressman, in the disappearance, but he was never a suspect in her death. Condit was reportedly having an affair with Levy, and the negative publicity from the case was cited as the main reason for his overwhelming primary loss in 2002.

The warrant suggests that the killing was a random act of violence, and indicates interviews investigators conducted with 12 witnesses gave them some of the evidence they needed to pursue a case. (AP)

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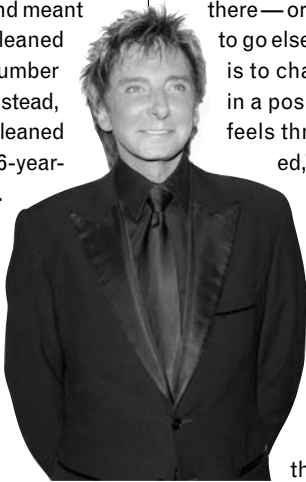
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NASTY SHOCK

Extreme Makeover: Home Invasion

A Madison, Wis., man left his apartment for five hours and came home to find everything gone. An efficient burglar? No, police said, just a landlord's error. Police said the landlord manages several properties and meant to have an apartment cleaned out that had the same number in a different building. Instead, a maintenance worker cleaned out the apartment of 36-year-old Edward Peterson. After he called police, Peterson found most of his property in the trash bin. But some possessions, credit cards and \$300 in cash were gone. The landlord said he will be compensated. (AP)



TACTICS

Ballad-stic Missile

The New Zealand city of Christchurch hopes that putting American crooner Barry Manilow's smooth, gentle tones into the mix of music to be broadcast through the central mall district will pacify unruly teens who congregate there — or at least convince them to go elsewhere. "The intention is to change the environment in a positive way ... so nobody feels threatened or intimidated," Central City Business Association manager Paul Lonsdale said. "I did not say Barry Manilow is a weapon of mass destruction." A group of several dozen young people regularly spray graffiti and get intoxicated at the outdoor mall. (AP)



CHINA PHOTOS/GETTY IMAGES

CELEBRATIONS

Frosty Showmen

As if coasting down a hill with two giant strips of wood strapped to your feet wasn't hard enough, participants in the Stripped Pigs Makeup Skiing Carnival in Jilin Province, China, have to maneuver costumes, too. Although many participants in the world's largest costumed skiing contest go partially naked, this fellow here opted for clumsy warmth in the form of a huge false head and a small child, whose awesome hat will keep him warm despite the snow. (EXPRESS)

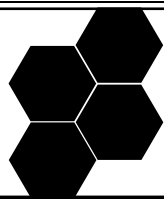
MASCOTS

Mouse-al Abuse

A Fairhaven, Mass., man has been fined \$500 for assaulting a Chuck E. Cheese mouse. Authorities say

34-year-old Trahan Pires thought the perpetually happy mascot had pinned his 11-year-old son against a video game. Pires ripped off the mascot's headpiece, pointed a finger at the man inside and yelled at him. The 19-year-

old man in the mouse suit told police he put his arms out to get through a crowd of children trying to knock him over and never grabbed anyone. A witness agreed with that account. Pires pleaded guilty Monday. (AP)



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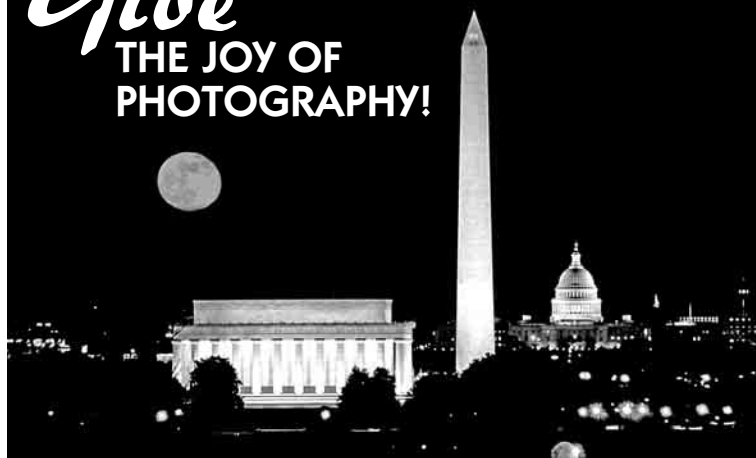
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GRUESOME SIGHT: Charles Town, W.Va., leaders plan to seek permission to kill federally protected vultures and hang the carcasses from trees in an attempt to rid the town of the birds. Officials said the effigy strategy works because the birds won't nest near their dead.

Nation

Senate OKs Bill Despite Pet Projects

Attempt by McCain to strip earmarks from measure is voted down

WASHINGTON | The Senate voted overwhelmingly to preserve thousands of earmarks in a \$410 billion



McCain

spending bill on Tuesday, brushing aside Sen. John McCain's claim that President Obama and Congress are conducting business as usual in a time

of economic hardship.

McCain's attempt to strip out an estimated 8,500 earmarks failed by a 63-32 vote. The Arizona senator's proposal also would have cut roughly \$32 billion from the measure and kept spending at last year's levels in several federal agencies.

The White House said Obama intends to sign the legislation, casting it as leftover business from 2008. Spokesman Robert Gibbs said the White House will issue new guidelines on earmarks for future bills.

Taxpayers for Common Sense estimates the legislation contains 8,570 disclosed earmarks worth \$7.7 billion. Democrats declined to provide an estimate of the number of pet projects in the bill but put their cost at \$3.8 billion. DAVID ESPO (AP)

Obama Tax Hikes Meet Resistance

Treasury secretary defends plan in front of skeptical lawmakers

WASHINGTON | President Obama's call to raise taxes on high earners and greenhouse gas polluters met fierce opposition Tuesday from congressional Republicans and also a few Democrats.

"I would never want to adversely affect anything that is charitable or good," Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., chairman of the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee, said of Obama's call to limit high-income taxpayers' itemized deductions for charitable donations and mortgage interest.

Republicans said the president's plan to charge fees to industries that



Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner testifies on Capitol Hill Tuesday. Geithner said President Obama's tax plan would provide relief to most American families.

spew greenhouse gases amounts to a tax increase for all Americans that will far exceed the new \$400

annual tax cut for workers that he wants to extend beyond 2010.

"The president's budget increases

taxes on every American and does so during a recession," said Rep. Dave Camp of Michigan, the top Republican on the Ways and Means Committee.

Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner said the Obama proposal would reduce taxes for most Americans. Any increases, he said, wouldn't occur until 2011, when the economy is "safely into recovery."

Geithner said Obama's plan would cut income taxes for 95 percent of families and 97 percent of small businesses. Raising taxes on couples that make more than \$250,000 would make the tax system more equitable, he said.

"This budget targets tax relief to families that have lost ground the past eight years," Geithner said.

STEPHEN OLEMACHER (AP)

Stalkers Adopt 'Textual Harassment'

Justice Department says cell phone threats are a growing problem

BUFFALO, N.Y. | The college student had endured months of online and cell phone harassment from her ex-boyfriend. She ignored the barrage of e-mails, changed her phone number and dismantled online profiles to cut him off.

Then one evening, her cell phone signaled a new text message. It was him again.

WHAT TO DO

→ People who feel threatened by a person's text messages are advised to call a law enforcement official, who can then contact the cell phone provider to identify the sender.

→ The Web site Thatsnotcool.com offers a forum where teenagers share their experiences with overzealous or unwanted texting and swap advice about how to deal with it.

"You should keep to yourself and stay away from other people," the message said, said the student, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because she feared for her safety.

As text messaging has boomed in recent years, it has also given rise to so-called "textual harassment." Text messages antagonize recipients in a way that is not easily ignored: Most people are never far from their cell phones, and the gadgets tend to blink and chirp until unopened messages are acknowl-

edged. Adding another sting, the victims are often charged by their cell phone companies for receiving the messages.

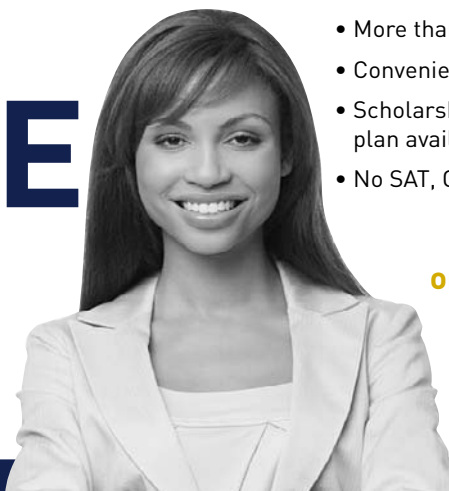
A study of stalking by the U.S. Justice Department's Bureau of Justice Statistics released last month confirmed that stalking by texting has become a pervasive problem.

The report found 23 percent of stalking or harassment victims reported in 2006 that the stalker had used some form of cyberstalking, such as cell phone texting or e-mail, to harass them. It was the agency's first measure of the emerging practice, said Katrina Baum, one of the study's authors. (AP)

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Nation



IN THE RING: Scientists have found a new moon hidden in one of Saturn's dazzling rings. The Cassini spacecraft spotted the moon, which measures about a third of a mile wide.



The remnants of an F/A-18D military fighter jet burn on Dec. 8, after destroying two homes in a neighborhood in San Diego.

Jet Had Chance to Land

Military plane crashed Dec. 8 in San Diego neighborhood, killing 4

SAN DIEGO | The pilot of a crippled military jet that crashed into a San Diego neighborhood and killed four people was offered a chance shortly before impact to land at a base with an approach over open water rather than head inland, recordings released Tuesday indicate.

Recordings of conversations between federal air controllers and the pilot of the F/A-18D reveal that the pilot at least twice was offered a chance to put down the plane at the Naval Air Station North Island

in Coronado. The base sits at the tip of a peninsula with a flight path over water.

Instead, the Federal Aviation Administration tapes disclose that the pilot decided to fly the jet, which had lost one engine and was showing signs of trouble with the second, to the inland Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, which is about 10 miles north of Coronado.

That route took him over the University City neighborhood, where the Dec. 8 crash incinerated two homes and damaged three others.

In private briefings with members of Congress, military officials have reportedly said there were factors that made landing at North

Island unfeasible, but those issues have not been disclosed publicly.

Officials in Washington, D.C., said Tuesday that 13 Marine Corps personnel have been disciplined for errors in connection with the crash. Service officials told members of Congress that four Marine Corps officers have been relieved of duty for directing the Hornet to fly over the residential area. Nine other military personnel received lesser reprimands.

Four members of a family were killed in their home — Young Mi Yoon, 36; her daughters Grace, 15 months, and Rachel, 2 months; and her mother, Suk Im Kim, 60. (AP)

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Nation

Coast Guard Ends Search for Boaters

3 men aboard capsized vessel, including NFL players, still missing

CLEARWATER, FLA. | The Coast Guard called off the search Tuesday for two NFL players and a third man lost at sea off the Florida coast after their boat capsized during a fishing trip.

The Coast Guard said it doesn't believe anyone is on the surface of the water and that the search would end at sundown. Still missing in rough, cold water were Oakland Raiders linebacker Marquis Cooper, free-agent defensive lineman Corey Smith and former South Florida player William Bleakley.

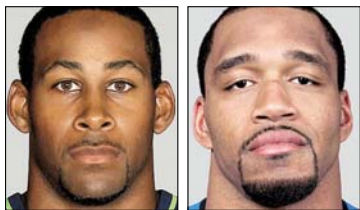
"We're extremely confident that if there are any survivors on the surface of the water that we would have found them," Coast Guard Capt. Timothy Close said.

Hopes were raised Monday when rescue crews found a fourth man who was aboard, 24-year-old former South Florida player Nick Schuyler, who managed to stay with the boat for more than 36 hours after it overturned Saturday evening.

Prospects for survival were beginning to look more grim throughout the day, with the father of one of the men saying the Coast Guard told him privately that officials were losing hope because of the time that has passed and the



Capt. Timothy Close said survivors on the surface would have been found.



Cooper

Smith

possibility the men would be suffering from hypothermia.

Schuyler told the Coast Guard that the boat was anchored when it capsized in high seas. He said the four friends were able to put on life vests and huddle together, but the others eventually became separated. CHRISTINE ARMARIO (AP)

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World



FOR SALE: A British auction house says it is selling the heart-stopping score to Alfred Hitchcock's 1960 thriller "Psycho." Bonhams says the manuscript will be offered for sale in London on March 24 and is expected to sell for up to \$56,000.

U.S. Seeks New Ties With Syria

Clinton says progress toward a Palestinian state is 'inescapable'

JERUSALEM | U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton promised Tuesday to work with the incoming Israeli government but delivered a clear message that could put her at odds with the country's next leader: Movement toward the establishment of a Palestinian state is "inescapable."



Clinton

Clinton also said the U.S. would soon send two envoys to Syria. It was the most significant sign yet that the Obama administration is ready to mend relations with the Damascus regime. The U.S. withdrew its ambassador in 2005, accusing Syria of supporting terrorism.

"There is no way to predict what the future with our relations concerning Syria might be," Clinton said. "There has to be some perceived benefit of doing so for the United States and our allies and our shared values. But I think it is a worthwhile effort to go and begin these preliminary conversations."

In Damascus, the U.S. Embassy announced that Jeffrey Feltman, the State Department's top diplomat for the Middle East, would lead the American delegation headed to the Syrian capital. **MATTI FRIEDMAN (AP)**

HEARSAY | DEMOTIONS

"The honey of power, for which they had not sacrificed at all, awoke in them ambitions that led to an undignified role."

—FIDEL CASTRO, FORMER CUBAN PRESIDENT, IN A COLUMN PUBLISHED TUESDAY, ON WHY TWO OF HIS CLOSEST LIEUTENANTS WERE ABRUPTLY REMOVED FROM POWER MONDAY.



A Sri Lankan cricket player boards a helicopter at Gaddafi Stadium in Lahore, Pakistan, after gunmen ambushed his team.

Gunmen Kill 7 in Pakistan

Attackers ambush Sri Lankan cricket team before a match

LAHORE, PAKISTAN | A team of heavily armed gunmen, some traveling in rickshaws, ambushed Sri Lanka's national cricket team Tuesday as it arrived for a match, killing six police guards and wounding seven players. The brazen attack heightened fears that Pakistan is becoming increasingly unstable.

The assault in Lahore bore striking similarities to last year's three-day hostage drama in the Indian financial capital of Mumbai.

The bus sped through the

ambush, but the gunmen's preparations indicated they may have been planning to hijack the vehicle, Interior Ministry chief Rehman Malik told The Associated Press. None of the gunmen was killed; all apparently escaped into the teeming city.

Even though the bus was peppered with 25 bullet holes, none of the cricket players was killed. The attack was among the highest-pro-

file terrorist strikes on a sports team since the 1972 Munich Olympics, when Palestinian militants killed 11 Israeli athletes.

In addition, by targeting not only a major Pakistani city but also the country's most popular sport, the attack was sure to resonate throughout the region, where cricket has been an obsession since the colonial era.



Pakistani security officials look at the weapons used by attackers Tuesday.

ATTACKERS AT LARGE

Where they went:

Tuesday's attackers disappeared in the city. None was killed or captured, city police chief Haji Habibur Rehman said.

What they left behind:

They abandoned machine guns, rocket-propelled grenades and plastic explosives, Punjab police chief Khwaja Khalid Farooq said.

What they carried:

They possessed backpacks with dried fruit and water — a sign that they anticipated a long siege.

The attack ended Pakistan's hopes of hosting international cricket teams — or any high-profile sports events — for months, if not years. Even before Tuesday, most cricket squads chose not to tour the country for security reasons.

Besides the six police officers, a driver of a vehicle in the convoy was also killed, officials said. **RIZWAN ALI AND CHRIS BRUMMITT (AP)**

Violent Past | Recent attacks blamed on Pakistan-based militants

Oct. 2007	Dec. 2007	Aug. 2008	Sept. 2008	Nov. 2008
Bombing aimed at Benazir Bhutto kills 150 people in Karachi.	Suicide attack kills Bhutto and 20 others in Rawalpindi.	Bomb-ers kill 67 people outside a weapons complex in Wah.	A suicide truck bombing kills 54 people at an Islamabad hotel.	Ten attackers kill 164 people in a three-day assault in Mumbai.

3 Missing in German Building Wreck

Many flee as 6-story city archive collapses in western city of Cologne

COLOGNE, GERMANY | Cologne's six-story city archive building rumbled and then collapsed into a pile of rubble Tuesday. Many people inside were able to flee to safety, but authorities said they were searching for three people missing from



nearby buildings.

The collapse at about 2 p.m. also dragged down parts of two neighboring buildings in the western German city. Officials initially said nine people were feared missing in one of those buildings, but police later said all but three turned up safe.

"Suddenly, there was a rumbling,

The six-story city archive building in Cologne, Germany, collapsed Tuesday.

as if a train were going past," witness Alfred Hoovestaedt, who works nearby, told n-tv television. "Then the noise got louder and louder, and we heard vibration. Then, in seconds, the whole area was covered in a haze."

Florian Hacke, who lives two buildings away, said he ran out of his house after he heard a creaking and saw cracks in his ceiling.

There was no immediate word on the condition of the archive's contents. Cologne's archive goes back centuries. **HERMANN J. KNIPPERTZ (AP)**

World



Refugees arrive at the Zamzam refugee camp in northern Darfur on Tuesday. More than 26,000 people have flooded into the camp in recent weeks as fighting continues.

26,000 Escape To Darfur Camp

ICC considers arresting Sudanese president on charges of war crimes

ZAMZAM CAMP, SUDAN | The tall 14-year-old's parents were killed when government soldiers swept into his hometown in Darfur to chase out rebels. Then, Arab militias went after the survivors. That's when the teenager fled atop a truck piled with mattresses and pots.

Mohammed Bahreiddine arrived at this refugee camp last week after a two-day journey, joining more than 26,000 people from the region around the town of Muhajeria who have flooded into the crowded camp in recent weeks.

It's one of the largest single flights of refugees in the past year in Darfur — a sign of how civilians are bearing the brunt of a war that entered its seventh year in February. At least 10,000 more people from the Muhajeria area are expected at Zamzam soon, camp leaders say.

The fighting comes as the International Criminal Court in the

2.7 MILLION PEOPLE

have been displaced since the Darfur conflict began in February 2003, the U.N. says.

300,000

people have been killed in the Darfur conflict since 2003.

Netherlands prepares to announce Wednesday whether it will issue an arrest warrant for Sudan's president, Omar al-Bashir, on charges of war crimes in Darfur.

Many residents and international aid workers in Darfur fear that if a warrant is issued, the government in Khartoum will lash out with greater violence in Sudan's vast, arid western territory, fueling the flow of refugees.

Al-Bashir's regime is accused of unleashing Arab militias known as janjaweed, which have committed atrocities against ethnic African towns and villages. SARAH EL DEEB (AP)



BY THE NUMBERS: The European Union says women across the 27-nation bloc earn on average 17.4 percent less than men, according to the most recent EU statistics. The EU figures released Tuesday show the largest differences in pay were found in Estonia. The pay gap there stands around 30 percent. The smallest gap, 4.4 percent, was in Italy. (AP)

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World



Mullah Abdul Salaam Zaeef uses his iPhone during an interview in Kabul.

Afghans Embrace Technology

Use of Internet, TV, cell phones is rising as country modernizes

KABUL | Mullah Abdul Salaam Zaeef is a former Taliban ambassador to Pakistan. He spent almost four years imprisoned at Guantanamo. Now, he's never without his iPhone.

The Taliban banned modern technology such as the Internet and

TV during its 1996-2001 rule, but those items have boomed in Afghanistan since the regime's 2001 ouster.

Zaeef, who reconciled with the Afghan government after his release from U.S. custody, says he uses his iPhone to surf the Internet. "It's easy and modern," he said.

Beyond making life easier, some say the country's embrace of technology could help break the cycle of 30 years of relentless warfare. It makes accessible things that were once outlawed by the Taliban — including music and movies.

Young Afghans see the world differently from older Afghans because of their use of technology, said Shukria Barakzai, a lawmaker and former newspaper editor.

Afghanistan's youth are not caught up in "the old circle of war," she said. "They are engaging with the rest of the world." JASON STRAZIUSO (AP)

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HEAD OF THE CLASS: Former "NBC Nightly News" anchor Tom Brokaw will be the College of William & Mary's spring commencement speaker. University officials say Brokaw will receive an honorary degree at the May 17 ceremony in Williamsburg, Va.



Local

Va. Woman Indicted in Girl's Death

Pr. William mother charged with death of adopted 13-year-old

A Prince William County woman whose adopted 13-year-old daughter was found dead in a shallow creek has been indicted on charges of murder, lying to police and abusing the child, authorities announced Tuesday.

Police said Alfreedia Gregg-Glover, 44, of the Manassas area lied when she told them that her daughter, Alex, is "Lexie" Agyepong-Glover, had run away Jan. 7 from a Manassas library,

sparking a massive search.

Two days later, Lexie's body was found in a Woodbridge-area creek, and an autopsy determined she died from drowning and exposure to the cold. Her death was ruled a homicide.

On Tuesday, authorities announced that a Prince William County grand jury returned indictments against Gregg-Glover, charging her with first-degree murder, felony murder, felony child abuse and filing a false police report.

The two murder counts, with different levels of severity, will give the jury an option if it chooses to

convict, authorities said.

At a news conference Tuesday afternoon, Commonwealth's Attorney Paul B. Ebert said the tragedy of Lexie's death was compounded by the fact that Gregg-Glover lied to police, wasting the time and resources of those charged with protecting the larger community.

"A lot of expense, time and trouble went to trying to locate this child, believing it was an abduc-

tion, when all along the indications are, of course, that the mother was responsible for the disappearance and the death," Ebert said. "The crime itself is bad enough."

Ebert said the medical examiner believes Lexie was still alive when she was placed by her mother in the frigid creek, but he would not comment further on the crime.

He said the abuse charge stems from Gregg-Glover's conduct on the date of Lexie's death. She remains free on bond and is due in court Friday, when a trial date will be set.

JONATHAN MUMMOLO (THE WASHINGTON POST)



CHEYE CALVO/FILE/AP

SWAT team members killed dogs belonging to Chye Calvo, center, in 2008.

Md. SWAT Reports Suggested

ANNAPOLIS, MD. | Maryland residents from Howard, Montgomery and Prince George's counties who've had SWAT teams storm their home say the state should require reports on how police forces use SWAT teams.

Last summer, police raided the home and killed the dogs of an innocent Berwyn Heights mayor after drug smugglers sent a package containing 32 pounds of marijuana there. Police now say the smugglers hoped to have a courier pick up the package shortly after it was delivered to Mayor Chye Calvo's home. Officers kicked down the door and shot Calvo's dogs during the raid.

A panel of state lawmakers heard testimony Tuesday about a bill that would require law enforcement agencies to issue monthly reports on the number, purpose, authorization, general location and results of Maryland SWAT team deployments. (AP)

HEARSAY | GUN LAWS

"We want to make it clear this amendment is unacceptable."

—D.C. COUNCIL MEMBER PHIL MENDELSON SPEAKING ON AN AMENDMENT TO THE D.C. VOTING RIGHTS BILL THAT WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY LOOSEN THE CITY'S GUN LAWS.

ARLINGTON, VA. | FIRST LADY HONORS WOMEN



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A LOOK BACK: First lady Michelle Obama visits Arlington National Cemetery's Women in Military Service for America Memorial on Tuesday in honor of Women's History Month and as part of her focus on military families.

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Evening Pick 3 (Mon.)	3-6-2
Mid-day Pick 4	0-2-1-8
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Money



An oil tanker moves up the Houston Ship Channel in Baytown, Texas. Less than a year after energy shortage fears drove up crude prices, the world is awash in oil.

World Awash in Oil As Orders Dry Up

Crude producers are running out of places to store unwanted fuel

NEW YORK | Supertankers that once raced around the world to satisfy an unquenchable thirst for oil are now parked offshore, fully loaded, anchors down, their crews killing time. In the United States, vast storage farms for oil are almost out of room.

As demand for crude has plummeted, the world suddenly finds itself awash in oil that has nowhere to go.

It's been less than a year since oil prices hit record highs. But now producers and traders are struggling with the new reality: The world wants less oil, not more. And turning off the spigot is about as easy as turning around one of those tankers.

So, oil companies and investors are stashing crude, waiting for demand to rise and the bear market to end so they can turn a profit later.

Traders have always played a game of store and sell, bringing oil to market when it can fetch the best

price. They say this time is different because of how fast the bottom fell out of the oil market.

"Nobody expected this," said Antoine Halff, an analyst with Newedge. "The majority of people out there thought the market

The oil tanks near Cushing, Okla., have been swelling for months.

would keep rising to \$200, even \$250, a barrel."

The oil tanks that surround Cushing, Okla., in a sprawling network that holds 10 percent of the nation's oil, have been swelling for months. Exactly how close they are to full is a closely guarded secret, but analysts who cover the industry say Cushing is approaching capacity.

It's the same scene at the four other massive storage sites in the U.S., complexes on the East Coast, Gulf Coast and West Coast, and near the Rocky Mountains. CHRIS KAHN (AP)

Cars



The 2010 Lexus RX450h, the hybrid version of Lexus' luxury crossover, is basically the same as the RX350, except the hybrid gets better gas mileage than the regular model.

Less Wrong Than Right

Hybrid Lexus SUV's high price tag doesn't offset its fuel economy

Whenever I write about a certain green automotive technology, I can count on a certain percentage of e-mails to the effect of: "Just for that, I'm gonna leave mah truck running in the yard at night with a brick on the gas pedal."

What I call the "NASCAR effect" is a consequence of what is known in social psychology as the Focus Theory of Normative Conduct. The theory holds that whenever people encounter a message about what they ought to do, and see few people actually doing it, they tend to rebel and do the opposite. If in a littered landscape there are signs that say, "Please don't litter," people will take their cue from the environment and litter.

When I look at the 2010 Lexus RX450h — the hybrid version of Lexus' luxury crossover model — I see evidence of the steady migration of a social norm toward more fuel-efficient vehicles.

There are a few value-added niceties in the RX450h, but it's basically the same car with the same perfor-

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\$44,000

Powertrain: Series/parallel gas-electric hybrid; 3.5-liter, 24-valve Atkinson-cycle V6 with variable valve timing; all-wheel drive | **Wheelbase:** 107.9 inches | **Measurements:** 187.8 inches long, 4,650 pounds | **Horsepower:** 245 at 6,000 rpm | **Torque:** 234 pound-feet at 4,800 | **EPA fuel economy:** 27 mpg combined

mance as the RX350, except that the hybrid model gets 28 mpg with four-wheel drive and 27 mpg with all-wheel drive.

In itself, the fuel economy doesn't justify the additional cost, unless gasoline starts selling for \$10 a gallon.

Is the RX450h the right thing to do? Well, you could always get a Toyota Prius and get 50 mpg, so it's more accurate to say the big hybrid ute is less wrong than right. Search your conscience and your wallet. And please don't litter.

DAN NEIL (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

DISCUSSIONS

REAL WHEELS

What happens to owners of Saturn cars now that GM is dropping Saturn? How long will service be available, and where will it be available? What happens to buyers of new Saturns and their warranties?

The short answer is that you are protected. Your warranties will be good at dealerships of Chevrolet cars, which share similar platforms and lots of parts with Saturn: For example, the Saturn Aura and Chevrolet Malibu, and the Saturn Outlook and the Chevrolet Traverse crossover utility vehicles.

Taxing for road use [makes] sense for cars that use little or no fossil fuels.

What do you think of the idea in the news of taxing us for each mile we drive? That doesn't encourage fuel efficiency like raising the gas tax would. I can see the logic for that model in the future for cars that don't use gas or diesel, as they still use the roads.

I agree with you. Taxing for road use would make more sense for cars that use little or no fossil fuels. And, presumably, it would help to pay for the national plug-in infrastructure, or for battery transfer stations, needed to run those cars. The idea is to get away from our current dependence on oil.

A year or two ago, there were rumors that Alfa Romeo was going to reenter the U.S. market. I've seen nothing since then saying yea or nay. I've lusted after Alfas since I was in college.

That will not happen anytime soon. Most car companies nowadays are just trying to hold on to the markets they have.



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Sports



CAUTIONARY TALES: Former Ohio State football star Maurice Clarett has started a blog about prison life so others will learn from his poor decisions. He is serving time in the Toledo Correctional Institution for aggravated robbery and carrying a concealed weapon.

Big Spending, Big Cuts for Redskins

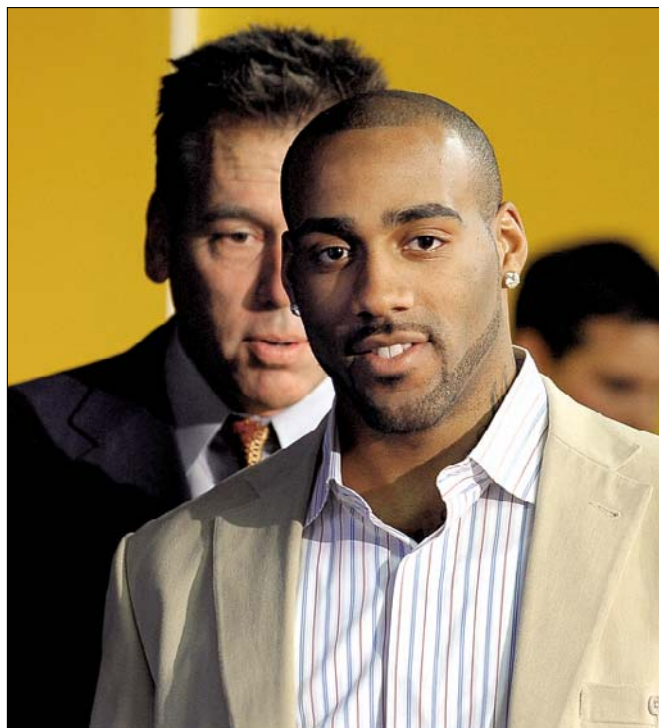
Teams forced to make hard decisions about free agency, layoffs

REDSKINS | As long as the Washington Redskins go by the motto "Why pay less?," it will be difficult to defend them. Spreadsheets to them apparently mean table linens. Obviously, my own bookkeeping is not to be trusted, because just a few weeks ago, I assumed the team was distressed. Otherwise, why would it have laid off so many people? Turns out I made an accounting error.

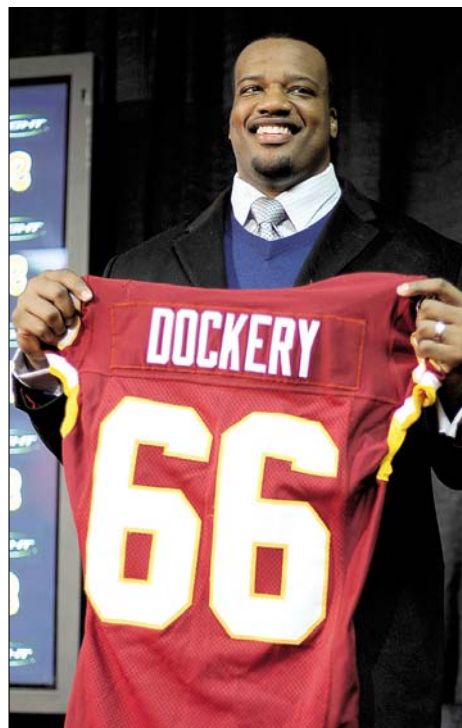
It's baffling: One day a team lays off dozens of employees in the legal, marketing, technology, public relations, game-day operations, TV and even cheerleading staffs. Then, suddenly, it shells out huge sums for free agents. The Redskins in one 24-hour spending binge extended \$182 million in contracts to just three players, including that whopping \$100 million over seven years to defensive tackle Albert Haynesworth, while offering a bust like Jason Taylor \$500,000 just to work out.

Can someone help me with the math? What to make of this combination of layoffs and big spending? Is it a question of lousy addition — or just an outrage?

Surely, there is a rationale. Michael Josephson, founder of the Josephson Institute of Ethics, cautions against knee-jerk reactions. "The challenge is to overcome that immediate instinct of saying, 'How can you cut here and spend here?'" We have the responsibility to look a little deeper than that. For any organization to survive, they have to be solvent, and so management



Cornerback DeAngelo Hall, left, and offensive lineman Derrick Dockery, right, were introduced on Tuesday at Redskins Park after agreeing to free-agent contracts on Friday. Washington has already spent \$182 million on signings during this offseason.



PHOTOS BY JOHN MCDONNELL/TWP

SPENDING SPREE

The Redskins aren't alone in spending big bucks on players:

\$182M

The amount the Redskins offered in contracts on Friday to just three players.

\$111M

The amount each team must spend on player salaries, due to the league's labor agreement.

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Teams have laid off administrative staff recently, including the Redskins.

What to make of this combination of layoffs and big spending?

has that responsibility of knowing where to pay and where to cut."

Let's look deeper, then. The Redskins are not the only team to pay large while cutting jobs. A dozen NFL teams have shed administrative staff. The league itself has reduced its headquarters staff by 169. Meanwhile, the NFL's labor agreement mandates that each team spend at least \$111 million on player salaries, which totals about

\$4.5 billion.

Although it's unpalatable to say so, some people are simply far more valuable than others. Players are revenue producers, while administrative assistants and seasonal security guards are not. "Some people can generate income, and some can't," says Josephson. "That's inherent in business. I may have to lay off 10 janitors, but I still have to pay my top salesmen a bonus, because if I lose my salesmen, I lose everything." SALLY JENKINS (THE WASHINGTON POST)



The Washington Post

For more of Jenkins' column, including her take on the poor results the Redskins have seen in past sprees | **Today's Sports**

In Brief



Giants runner Derrick Ward turned a 1,000-yard season into a huge contract.

NFL Former Giants Runner Ward Inks \$17M Deal With Bucs

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers, retooling offensively after missing the playoffs, signed free agent running back Derrick Ward to a four-year, \$17 million contract Tuesday. The former New York Giants backup rushed for 1,025 yards and two touchdowns in 2008 while sharing playing time with Brandon Jacobs, who also gained more than 1,000 yards. The Bucs cleared room in the backfield for the 28-year-old when they released Warrick Dunn last week. (AP)

NBA Timberwolves' Ticket Plan Offers Refund if Job Is Lost

The Minnesota Timberwolves have a risk-free offer on season tickets for next season: Lose your job and you're off the hook. The T'Wolves unveiled a new marketing plan Tuesday that guarantees a refund of any unused season tickets to buyers who lose their job in 2009. They're also lowering prices on 95 percent of season tickets in Target Center. (AP)

Wizards Hold Line on Ticket Prices

WIZARDS | The Washington Wizards are freezing the prices of season tickets for next season, and the team is offering incentives, including rebates and extended payment plans, to entice fans to renew.

The Wizards (14-45) are in the midst of one of the worst seasons in franchise history, but the decision to not raise ticket and concession

stand prices is a reflection of the tough economic climate — not the team's struggles this season, said Peter Biche, the team's president of business operations and chief financial officer.

"We're not naïve about what is going on out there," Biche said. "We're trying to make it affordable and create some flexibility in

terms of giving ticket holders more time to pay."

Still, freezing ticket prices appears to be a sensible move, given the fact that the team has put such a poor product on the floor. According to the NBA's official attendance figures, the Wizards rank 21st in the league with an average attendance of 16,360 per game. Last season, the team ranked 15th at 17,962 per game.

IVAN CARTER (THE WASHINGTON POST)

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

WIZARDS (8 P.M. ON CSN) In a game with draft lottery implications, the Wizards face the Oklahoma City Thunder.

HOKIES HOOPS (7 P.M. ON ESPN) Virginia Tech's men's basketball team hosts No. 2 North Carolina.

MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS (7:30 P.M. AND 9:30 P.M. ON ESPN2) Pittsburgh squares off against fellow Big East power Marquette,

followed by red-hot Kansas' visiting Texas Tech.

NBA (9 P.M. ON ESPN) The San Antonio Spurs face the Dallas Mavericks for state boasting rights.

BASEBALL (4:30 A.M. ON ESPN2) The World Baseball Classic gets under way with defending champion Japan facing China.



HAVE A SEAT: The Orioles are giving birthday presents to fans — free tickets. The team announced Tuesday that any fan can get a free ticket to a game during the month of his or her birthday — except for games against the New York Yankees and Boston Red Sox, which typically sell out.

Sports

American Readies for 'Final Exam'

Eagles take winning ways to Patriot League tourney as No. 1 seed

COLLEGE HOOPS | It was right before winter break in December when the American men's basketball team hit "rock bottom," said senior guard and Patriot League MVP Derrick Mercer.

The Eagles (21-7) had just finished up a six-game stretch in which they had lost five times — including defeats at the hands of local foes Mount St. Mary's (57-52), Georgetown (73-49), George Washington (63-50), and Maryland (67-51) — that left American with a below-.500 record and searching for answers.

So, it's only fitting that in the



American senior guard Garrison Carr, right, leads the team with 17.5 points per game. The Eagles have won 16 of the last 17 leading up to the Patriot League tournament.

“We’ve been able to just get better every single game.”

GARRISON CARR, AU SENIOR GUARD

wacky world of college basketball, American enters the first round of the Patriot League Tournament Wednesday with perhaps the best chance of any local team to make the tournament.

Since a Dec. 22 loss to Gary Williams' gang, the Eagles have reeled off wins in 16 of their past 17 games, securing the top seed and home court throughout conference tournament play.

“At that time, Georgetown, Mary-

land, all those teams were hot and we weren't really,” said senior guard Garrison Carr, who leads the team in scoring at 17.5 points per game.

“And now ... Georgetown has had their struggles, Maryland is on the bubble, and we've been able to just get better every single game and put ourselves in a good position.”

Don't think, though, that American has already begun making NCAA Tournament reservations just yet.

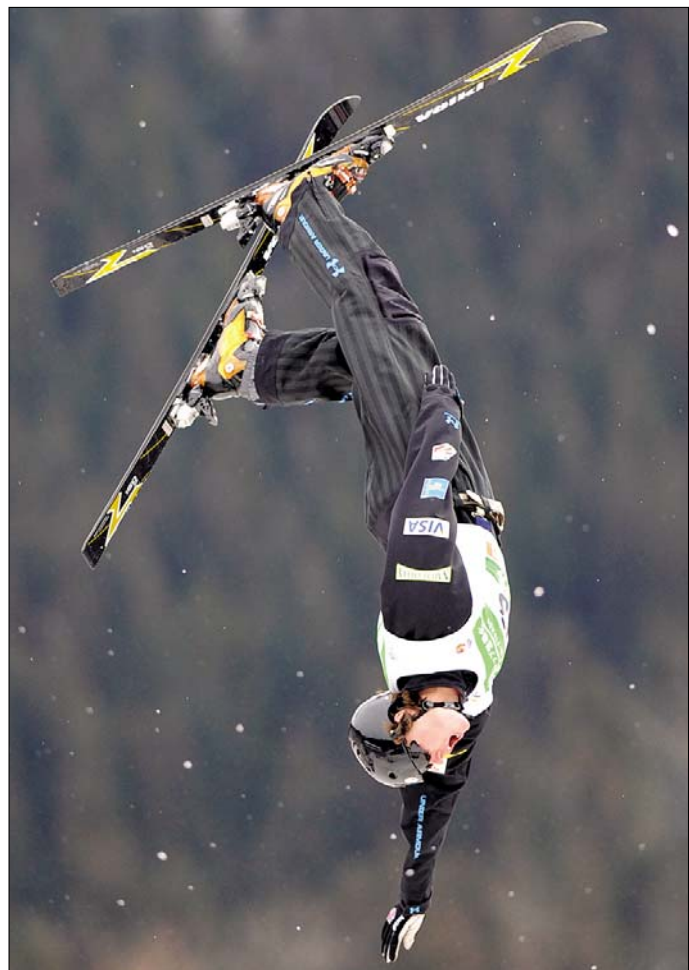
Wednesday's first-round contest with Lafayette is a rematch of last weekend's regular-season finale, in which the Eagles needed overtime to defeat the Leopards, 75-69.

And without a marquee win, American will almost certainly not be up for an at-large bid once Selection Sunday arrives. The winner of the Patriot League gets an automatic berth into the NCAA Tournament.

“It's like a final exam,” Carr said.

MARK GIANNOTTO

SKIING | DOWN IS UP



HANG TIME: American Dylan Ferguson competes in the qualifying round of the men's aerials on Tuesday at the 2009 FIS Freestyle World Championships in Inawashiro, Japan. Ferguson qualified in ninth place for the finals.

Last Chance? Avery Rejoins Rangers

Controversial forward is back in NHL after flap over crude remark

NHL | Bad boy Sean Avery is back with the New York Rangers.

In a move weeks in the making, the Rangers claimed the controversial forward off re-entry waivers from the Dallas Stars on Tuesday.

New York is set to give Avery what could amount to his last chance to resurrect his NHL career. He could be in the lineup as soon as Thursday on the road against the New York Islanders.

Avery spent the past month with the Rangers' Hartford AHL affiliate while remaining the property



Forward Sean Avery was picked up off waivers from the Dallas Stars on Tuesday.

of the Stars. He hasn't played in the NHL since he was suspended in December for making a crude remark about other hockey players' dating his former girlfriends.

Avery served a six-game ban and completed treatment in a league counseling program, but the Stars made it clear he would never play for them again. IRA PODELL (AP)

Deal Close to Extend Beckham's Stay With Milan

SOCCER | A deal allowing David Beckham to extend his stay with AC Milan through the end of the Italian season is close but not yet complete, Milan chairman Adriano Galliani said Tuesday.

The former England captain joined Milan on a two-month loan from the Los Angeles Galaxy

in January and was due to return to the Major League Soccer club next week.

But Beckham wants to stay, and Galliani said the two sides are nearing a deal that would keep him at Milan until the summer.

“The deal is not done. We're working on the possibility of a loan

until June 30, but no deal has been reached yet,” Galliani said, according to Milan's Web site.

Financial terms of the proposal are unknown, but the Galaxy earlier had asked for \$10 million from Milan for the outright purchase of Beckham. Milan had said it would pay no more than \$3 million. (AP)

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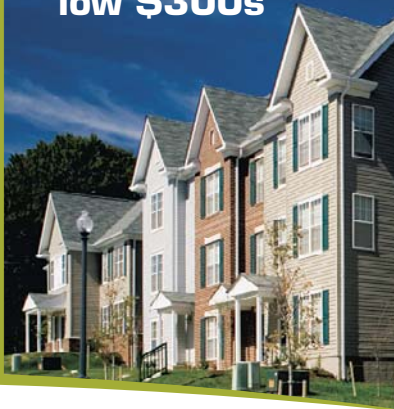
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Travel



HEAVY LIFTING: Volunteers with the Washington Trails Association help to construct a trail during a trip to Hart Lake in the North Cascade Mountains in 2007.

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STAY CLOSE TO HOME

Since you must pay for your own flight and accommodations, "domestic volunteer vacations are always cheaper than international," said Doug Cutchins, co-author of "Volunteer Vacations."

Robert Rosenthal, a spokesman for the national nonprofit organization VolunteerMatch, said volunteering close to home also serves important domestic needs.

"It's hard to argue that somewhere in Costa Rica is in more need than communities like Detroit," he said.

WORK IN A PARK

This is one of the cheapest and most rewarding volunteer vacations you can find. Cutchins recommends trips organized by the Appalachian Mountain Club, Appalachian Trail Conservancy, Colorado Trail Foundation and the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation in Montana.

**“It's hard
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**ROBERT ROSENTHAL,
VOLUNTEERMATCH**

FUND YOUR TRIP

Many organizations encourage participants to find "sponsors." Often, this amounts to a form letter asking friends and family for money.

Cutchins, director of service and social commitment at Grinnell College, encourages students to find creative ways to fund their trips. "Instead of a gift, can you earn this money?" he said. BETH J. HARPAZ (AP)



BEHIND THE CAMERA: As "ER" winds down, Angela Bassett already is lining up her next gig. The actress will make her directorial debut with "United States," an indie feature she will also produce with her partner and husband, Courtney B. Vance.

Entertainment

Endless Fan Love

No matter what the decade, Lionel Richie soars up the charts

LIVING LEGEND | "Hello" may be among Lionel Richie's signature No. 1 songs, but for more than 30 years, the singer-songwriter hasn't so much as paused for a "bye for now." The five-time Grammy Award recipient and Academy Award winner has been a chart fixture in pop, R&B, AC and dance — beginning in 1974 as a founding member of the Commodores, then as a solo artist and producer from 1981 on — with a consistency seldom seen in the music business.

A quick count: six R&B chart-toppers with the group, then five No. 1's on the Billboard Hot 100 and Hot R&B/Hip-Hop Songs — and at Adult Contemporary, 11 No. 1's that have spent a staggering total of 51 weeks riding the chart's crest, including "Endless Love" (with Diana Ross), "Truly," "All Night Long (All Night)" and "Say You, Say Me."

Now, the title track and first single from Richie's new album "Just Go," due out May 19 on Island, has catapulted into the top 20 at AC in only three weeks, a rare feat at a format known for dragging its feet when it comes to chart momentum.



HELLO, AGAIN: He's the man we've been looking for — Lionel Richie. This son of the '70s has proved that comebacks aren't necessary if you never go out of style.

The song is also gaining in adult R&B, where it is No. 31 this week.

"What ... year is this?" asks Richie with a laugh. "This opens up a wonderful feeling of 'I remember this.' Times like these make it all the more exciting."

Collaborating with Richie on the new album are contemporary hit-makers the-Dream, Tricky Stewart and, on the playful reggae-splashed single, Akon.

Richie knows that long-term success requires adapting to an ever-evolving industry. "There's a difference between the music business and the business of music. You can go to bed tonight with a No. 1 record and wake up tomorrow ice-cold. Survival is about taking time to make record labels and radio understand who you are — your brand."

Richie will extend his hand to audiences with a 100-date European tour launching in March in Dublin and wrapping in May in Belgium. Stops in the United States and Australia follow throughout 2009.

"I'm kind of laughing at getting to go through this whole process again," Richie says. "It's been an unbelievable journey. In my head, I'm just getting started. Call me in 20 years and we'll talk about the next chapter."

CHUCK TAYLOR (BILLBOARD)



Keri Russell voices the title character in the new "Wonder Woman" movie.

A Hero Lies in Russell

The 'Felicity' star is the latest incarnation of Wonder Woman

DVD | One of Keri Russell's most vivid childhood memories is of watching Lynda Carter twirl as Wonder Woman on television.

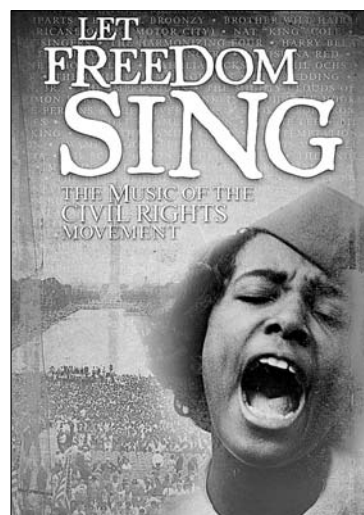
"So, you can imagine, the idea of playing Wonder Woman now, well, that's pretty special," said Russell, who voices the most famous female superhero of them all in "Wonder Woman," a PG-13 animated movie that hit stores Tuesday as a straight-to-video release on DVD and Blu-ray.

For Russell, there is "a certain feeling of responsibility" in playing a character that has been on newsstands since December 1941.

"She was the strong female among all these male heroes, so I do take it seriously," said Russell.

Wonder Woman has been portrayed in many ways. There were times when she was a superpowered Barbie look-alike, but in the late 1960s she was also a staunch champion of women's liberation. This time around, the 75-minute film is steeped in Hellenic legend and presents a noble princess from an ancient tribe who is repulsed by what she sees in callow America.

GEOFF BOUCHER (LOS ANGELES TIMES)



Classic tunes meet lesser-known gems in this must-have three-CD collection.

We Shall Overcome

'Let Freedom Sing!' paints race relations as a work in progress

MUSIC | In the wake of the historic election of President Obama and all the buzz about the United States' becoming a "post-racial" nation, it's easy to get wrapped up in a good-natured glow of how far the United States has come in regard to the tangled, troubled relationship between whites and blacks.

The recently released three-CD set "Let Freedom Sing! Music of the Civil Rights Movement" is a great reality check and excellent history lesson that demonstrates indeed how far the United States has come, but also how much further there is to go.

There are classic songs by some of music's greats — Bob Dylan's "Blowin' in the Wind," an Otis Redding version of "Change is Gonna Come" and James Brown's black pride anthem "Say It Loud — I'm Black and I'm Proud (Part I)," just

to name a few of the more well-known tracks.

But some of the more moving songs are from artists who are most likely unknown to most music fans, such as "Alabama Blues" by J.B. Lenoir.

From the blues to folk songs to funk to hip-hop, "Let Freedom Sing" is an amazing journey of a people and a country, with comprehensive liner notes to accompany it (with an introduction from Chuck D).

NEKESA MUMBI MOODY (AP)

Entertainment

THE 'ENTOURAGE' GROWS: Jami Gertz has joined HBO's "Entourage" as a recurring character. She will play the wife of Andrew Klein (Gary Cole), recently brought to Miller/Gold as an agent by Klein's longtime friend, Ari Gold (Jeremy Piven).



'Watchmen's' Moment Arrives

Despite a few bumps, the comic-turned-film hits theaters Friday

BIG SCREEN | An ownership dispute between 20th Century Fox and Warner Bros. nearly meant doomsday for the release of the \$120 million graphic novel adaptation "Watchmen." But an eleventh-hour agreement means audiences will be able to watch "Watchmen" come Friday.

"Part of me thought it would be really cool if the movie got shelved for all time, because that would just make it cooler," says director Zack Snyder ("300").

Snyder is kidding, of course. The filmmaker is as eager as anyone to see "Watchmen" released, especially after investing more than three years of his life into making a film once said to be unfilmable.

"Watchmen" is the brainchild of writer Alan Moore and illustrator Dave Gibbons. It first appeared as a DC Comics series from 1986 to 1987 and then was republished as the now-legendary graphic novel. The plot centers on a group of costumed crime-fighters who reconnect after one of them is found murdered.

A fan of "Watchmen," Snyder vowed to be true to the source material. That was no easy feat.

"We never designed 'Watchmen'



Patrick Wilson and Malin Akerman star in Zack Snyder's "Watchmen" adaptation.

to be a movie," says Gibbons. "We didn't even think 'Watchmen' was going to become a graphic novel. We did a 12-issue comic book series and then thought, 'That's it. It's going to go in the back issue bins and that's the last we'll hear of it.'"

Not so. "Watchmen" has had an ever-growing following, and Snyder knew he couldn't screw it up. Some characters and subplots had to go, and the film's ending is a departure from the one in the book. But Gibbons says he's fine with the changes and actually likes the new ending.

"What happens is an integral part of the whole story, and so I'm very happy with it and I think it works fine," he says. (The Hollywood-averse Moore, who disavows all filmed versions of his work, won't discuss the "Watchmen" movie.) ANGELA DAWSON (ENTERTAINMENT NEWS WIRE)

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Television

HIGH PROBABILITY OF SHEEN OVERDOSE: CBS is close to renewing "Two and a Half Men," the highest-rated comedy on television. The network announced that "Men," which stars Charlie Sheen, is being considered for three more seasons.



All Eyes on the Catwalk

Get your fill of fierce tonight with a new season of 'Top Model'

POSE | Just because the economy has gone to the dogs doesn't mean we can't turn to the catwalk for some distraction. The 12th season of "America's Next Top Model" (8 p.m., CW) opens in Las Vegas tonight.

After a photo shoot in the gambling mecca, host Tyra Banks will anoint the top 13 would-be worthies and send them back to New York. Drama ensues when they discover that there are only a dozen beds. A photo shoot in Central Park re-creates the pleasures and cruelties of childhood games before the baker's dozen convene before the panel to face the first elimination.



Somebody's excited about cycle 12 of "Top Model" — deep breaths, Tyra.

I've never been convinced that "Top Model" has turned anyone into a top model, but the show does a great job accentuating the high-

strung anxieties of young women in a competitive group dynamic. There will be tears.

In contrast, the people on "Make Me a Supermodel" (10 p.m., Bravo) are more grown-up and project a modicum of professional ambition. They're also much more pretentious, and so is the show. For their first competition, a foppish photographer named Perou puts them in a transparent plastic cube and dangles them, in pairs, over Brooklyn. Act naturally.

A naive waif who has recently fled her Mennonite community makes an immediate impression on the judges and becomes a juicy target for the rest. The catty infighting just doesn't seem as believable or consequential coming from these quasi-adults as from Tyra's gaggle of emotional basket cases. **KEVIN MCDONOUGH** (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

ON TV TONIGHT

SLOW AND STEADY

Three more finalists emerge on **AMERICAN IDOL** (8 p.m., Fox).

VIRAL CHUCKLES

Arsenio Hall hosts **WORLD'S FUNNIEST MOMENTS** (8 p.m., MyNetwork), a round-up of clips from the Internet.

ACTOR TURNED PREZ

Turner Classic Movies dedicates every Wednesday in March to the movies of Ronald Reagan. Tonight's round-up includes **SECRET AGENT OF THE AIR** (8 p.m., TCM).

DEEP TROUBLE

Sawyer weaves a web of lies to protect the survivors from past misdeeds on **LOST** (9 p.m., ABC).

FANCY-SHMANCY OVENS

KITCHEN IMPOSSIBLE (9 p.m., DIY) explores renovation innovations.

THE JUICY DETAILS

HUDSON PLANE CRASH: WHAT REALLY HAPPENED (10 p.m., Discovery) offers a minute-by-minute account of the dra-



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matic water landing.

MORE THAN A PLACE TO SIT

Chairs become the topic on **IMPORTANT THINGS WITH DEMETRI MARTIN** (10:30 p.m., Comedy Central).

BLOND ENERGY!

Cameron Diaz is scheduled to appear on **LATE NIGHT WITH JIMMY FALLON** (12:35 a.m., NBC). **KEVIN MCDONOUGH** (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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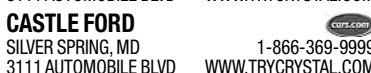
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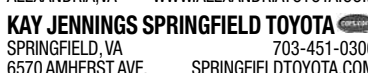
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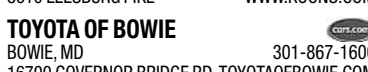
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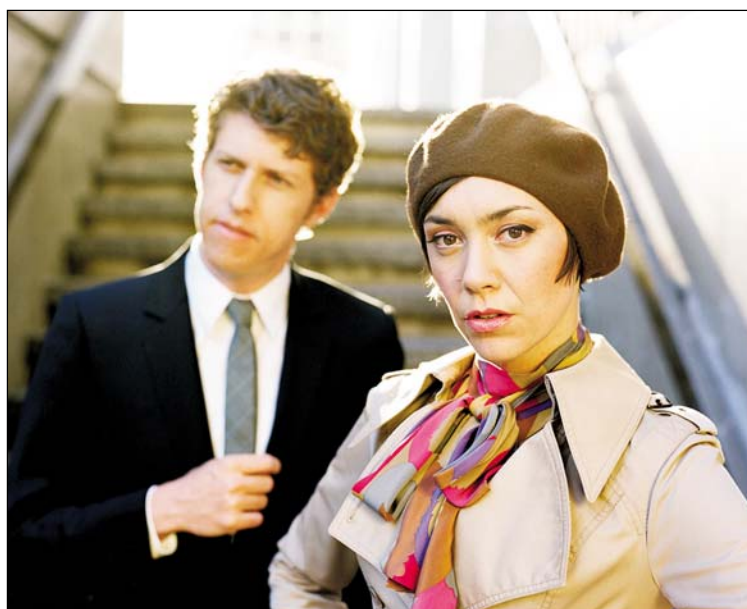
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MUSIC | When Inara George and Greg Kurstin began playing together as the Bird and the Bee, they weren't pursuing delusions of grandeur — they just wanted to have fun making music together.

But the Los Angeles-based duo found that their self-titled debut album, released in early 2007, was an instant success.

"We were writing songs and hoping that people would like it. Our intentions were never to have it come as far as it has," George says.

But "The Bird and the Bee" (Blue Note) did more than just make it out of Los Angeles. Hit singles such as "Again and Again" found their way



Greg Kurstin and Inara George are the dazzling duo known as the Bird and the Bee.

to television shows such as "Grey's Anatomy" and movies including "Sex and the City: The Movie."

Together, George and Kurstin

create music that is refreshingly retro and unique. With elements of French electro-pop, '60s lounge and Brazilian bossa nova, the duo write

tunes that are fun and catchy, and often irresistibly danceable.

The Bird and the Bee just released their sophomore LP last month, titled "Ray Guns Are Not Just the Future" (Blue Note). It's an extension of the shimmering, almost futuristic sound the two created on their debut. The songs are aural fairy tales that conjure images of wicked witches, bread crumb trails and royal balls.

"With Greg, there's a real ease when we write together. We try to play music in a way that's surprising," George explains. "It's not very serious music. We're doing something that we love, and we're really lucky to be playing music and that's all we have to do. If it wasn't fun, I feel like we'd be letting ourselves down."

KATHERINE SILKAITIS

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NOT SO SOFT: Ani DiFranco will play at the 9:30 Club on Friday and Saturday.

THURSDAY

Black Lips: Noisy garage rock that sports a vintage 1960s sound and a mushy, drunken energy. Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; 8 p.m., \$13 in advance, \$15 at the door; 202-667-7960. (U St.-Cardozo)

New York City Ballet: The acclaimed ballet company performs work by George Balanchine and Twyla Tharp, accompanied by the New York City Ballet Orchestra. Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; 7:30 p.m., \$22-\$99; 202-467-4600. (Foggy Bottom)

FRIDAY

'A Bronx Tale': Movie star Chazz Palminteri brings his famous old-school gangster to D.C. with his one-man show about growing up in the 1960s in a New York City neighborhood run by the Mafia. Warner Theatre, 513 13th St. NW; 8 p.m., \$30-\$70; 800-889-8457. (Metro Center)

Ani DiFranco: The prolific folk singer and feminist icon is back in D.C., guitar in hand, with her distinctive poetic style and incisive lyrics. 9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; Fri. and Sat., 8 p.m., \$40; 202-265-0930. (U St.-Cardozo)

SATURDAY

'The Divine Comedy': Syntetic Theater's take on Dante's trilogy is sure to include dancing, damnation and demons. You'll see why it's been a classic since the early 14th century. Rosslyn Spectrum Theatre, 1611 N. Kent St., Arlington; through March 21, \$15-\$40; 703-824-8060. (Rosslyn)

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Ever wondered what the great artist and ear-slasher Vincent van Gogh was really

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Gogh as told by his brother, Theo. The production opening at the D.C. Arts Center is performed by a local actor named B.

Stanley. The show — based on letters between the brothers, but set one week after Vincent van Gogh's violent death — still has powerful statements to make about art and the heavy burden that genius often can be. F.Z.

→ *D.C. Arts Center*, 2438 18th St. NW; March 4-28, \$15-\$20, pay-what-you-can preview on Wed.; 202-462-7833.

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→ *Studio Theatre*, 1501 14th St. NW; through March 22, \$25-\$30; 202-332-3300. (Dupont Circle)



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While it's set in Israel, Theatre J's new play "The Accident" has nothing to do with the conflicts in the Gaza Strip. Instead, it's about three people in a car accident — well, four if you count the unfortunate pedestrian victim. The three denizens of the car then have to argue over whether to report the crime. "The Accident" features some of D.C.'s best actors in its excellent meditation on social and ethnic prejudice, and the dangers of guilt and innocence in an unexpectedly violent situation. The play closes this weekend, so go quickly — but don't go above the speed limit. The universe loves irony. F.Z.

→ *Theatre J*, 1529 16th St. NW; through Sunday, \$21-\$55; 800-494-8497. (Dupont Circle)



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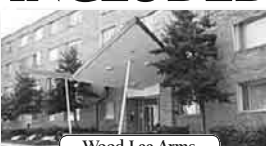
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Agriculture

A few gardening tips can help you stick to a budget this spring

Many families grow their own fruits and vegetables so they'll have appetizing, disease-free food at low cost. Few things are recession-proof, however, including gardening.

Prices are climbing for fertilizer, pesticides and other supplies as we head into a new planting season.

Yet there are many ways to harvest higher savings. That includes starting earlier with planning and budgeting.

"People don't think about spring until they feel the warmer temperatures, but that's way too late to begin a complex planting project," said Jay Graham, who owns and operates Graham Landscape Architecture in Annapolis, Md., which specializes in historic waterfront estates.

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JAY GRAHAM,
GRAHAM LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

Most plants should be in the ground by early spring so their roots are developed before facing the stresses of the summertime heat, he said.

Property owners also should commit themselves to a realistic budget, whether they do the landscaping themselves or hire someone to do it.

"By planting some areas small-

er [using seeds and plugs], you can save money and plant other areas larger [using specimen or trophy plants]," Graham said.

Plugs, or small-size seedlings, can be an important part of the design mix, particularly if there is a lot of ground to cover. These starter plants grow quickly, especially the grasses, which will spread and take over on hillsides, and along driveways, sidewalks, curbs and other hard-to-handle areas.

"Plugs of native perennial flowers in meadows are more reliable than seed," Graham said. "Landscape grasses also are an inexpensive choice for residential settings, although few people know much

about them."

Landscaping doesn't require that everything be done at once, he said. "Take one corner one year, another corner another year," Graham said. "Landscaping is a constant revisiting. It involves you. It pulls you in."

Whether landscaping or gardening, which is a more plant-intensive activity, there are ways to gain more while spending less. Many of these tips combine economy with ecology:

Compost

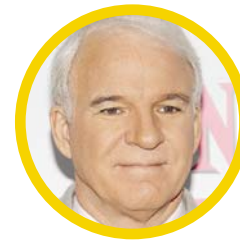
Save big bucks by recycling kitchen wastes rather than paying for commercial fertilizers. "Create a living soil. Many plants will double and triple in size in their first season with compost," said Tracy DiSabato-Aust, author of "50 High-Impact, Low-Care Garden Plants" (Timber Press, 2008). "They'll be less prone to disease and insects, as well."

Select plants that reseed

"Choose aggressive, not invasive,

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Harvest Savings

plants," DiSabato-Aust said. "Wild oats [*Chasmanthium*] and Bottlebrush grass [*Elymus*] are good examples. These assertive natives will fill the spaces in your yard."

Divide

Dividing clumps of old perennials will greatly multiply your number of available plants. Many established stocks can be transformed

when dug up and thinned to their original size. The divisions can be replanted in their original locations or used in new beds. You also can take "slips" in late fall or winter by cutting stems from mature plants and then soaking them in water or moist potting soil until they develop a root network. Transplant them outdoors once the frost danger has passed.

Go big

Select high-impact blooms that grow large or wide, requiring fewer new plants to buy for borders or other high-visibility areas. "Angelica and Amsonia are colorful and beautiful," said DiSabato-Aust.

Buy drought-resistant Plants

"You'll be reducing water usage," DiSabato-Aust said. "You'll be thinking environmentally along with saving time." A layer of mulch around plants will help conserve water. A few rain barrels will help reduce municipal water bills.



Save money on garden tools And yard art

Use a child's wagon to haul plants around. Add a rural mailbox to the garden so small gadgets can be stored where they're most needed. Old wheelbarrows, bicycles, boots, barbecue kettles and hollowed-out stumps make effective and eye-catching planters. Timeworn tubs and washbasins can be converted into raised bed planters. Most such items can be purchased inexpensively at yard sales or discount stores.

Grow bird-friendly plants

Save money on bird food by planting flowers with large seed heads (such as sunflowers) or by spreading cracked corn around for ground-foraging critters.

Barter and trade

Set up plant swaps and seed exchanges. Buy flowers in bulk and then share the wealth with others.

"These are great social things that also help save money," DiSabato-Aust said. "If we have a lot of plants of a certain kind, we can trade for something different. You can make human connections. Bond. When you see a plant coming up year after year, you remember where you got it." DEAN FOSDICK (AP)

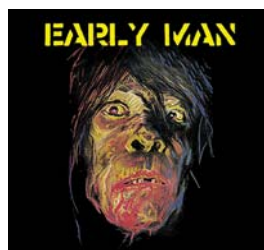
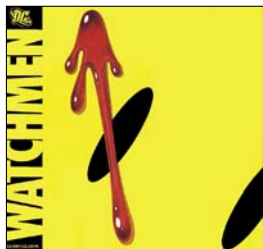
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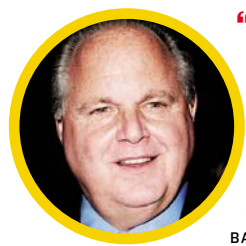
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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AS OF 5 P.M.

DO YOU CONSIDER RUSH LIMBAUGH TO BE THE TRUE VOICE OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY?**NO** 65%**YES** 35%**"When the head of the RNC**

has to apologize for calling Limbaugh what he is — an entertainer with absolutely no economic or foreign policy experience or insight — well, you know who wears the pants."

COMMENTER MILES, OFFERING A SUGGESTION IN RESPONSE TO MONDAY'S POLL QUESTION, "DO YOU CONSIDER RUSH LIMBAUGH TO BE THE TRUE VOICE OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY?"

"If he is, the Republican Party is in serious trouble. Do you really want a professional motor-mouth with a drug problem to be the voice of your party?"

COMMENTER VEGGIETART, WHO ADDED, "RUSH LIMBAUGH IS THE TRUE VOICE OF THE ANGRY WHITE MALE."

"The faster we can rid ourselves of farces like Rush, the Republican Party — and the country — will be much better off."

COMMENTER C. COOPER, WHO ADDED, "AS A MODERATE REPUBLICAN IN HER 30S, RUSH LIMBAUGH DOES NOT REPRESENT ANYTHING ABOUT ME."

Blog LOG

"If a glance in the mirror so easily becomes a field trip into 1993, it's time for a makeover. It's time to get vacuously, unforgivably vain."

SHANNONSTAMEY.BLOGSPOT.COM WAS NOT HAPPY TO HEAR AN OLD HIGH SCHOOL FRIEND PROCLAIM VIA FACEBOOK, "WOW! YOU LOOK EXACTLY THE SAME! YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED A BIT."



CHUCK BURTON/AP

"I have a confession. For the last two years, we have been living without a coffee table. We simply rested our glasses (or beer bottles — let's face it) on the floor. Shameful!"

DCROWHOUSE.BLOGSPOT.COM FINALLY CAVED AND BOUGHT A LIVING ROOM CENTERPIECE FROM PIER 1 IMPORTS.

"Was this the act of a mother who had no choice, or was it a stunt to get what others have been unable to get?"

PUNDITMOMI.BLOGSPOT.COM WONDERES WHETHER FORMER ACTIVE DUTY SOLDIER LISA PAGAN REALLY HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO REPORT FOR POSSIBLE DEPLOYMENT WITH HER CHILDREN IN TOW.



"AFTER WITNESSING Michael Steele kiss Rush's ring in apology after their spat, we shouldn't be talking about Limbaugh as the de facto leader of the GOP. The only way to describe him is as the Don. Cross him and you'll find a horse head in your bed; ask Phil Gingrey."

POLITICSDC.BLOGSPOT.COM IS A BIT SURPRISED AT THE POWER THE RADIO TALK SHOW HOSTS WIELDS OVER MANY PROMINENT REPUBLICAN OFFICIALS.

Discussions**D.C. Sports Bog**

DAN STEINBERG was online Tuesday to discuss the Atlantic 11, the dawn of a new Screech, D.C. United's moving to Maryland and his latest posts from the D.C. Sports Bog.



Is it just me, or does the new Screech have the same look on his face as if he was just about to

get sucked into the engine of a 737 piloted by Sully? Seriously, if the Nationals can fire Bowden, they can certainly fire new Screech. What an abomination.

From my e-mails and comments, the new Screech wasn't exactly lovingly received into NatsTown. To be honest, I think I was too stunned

to react when he came out dancing Monday at ESPN Zone.

So, Bowden goes away and Screech immediately appears? Coincidence? I think not.

There were about 10 legitimate Bowden-related jokes that could have been made after the Screech thing. It would have been in awful taste, but had Nats PR sent Screech out on a Segway, it would have been the highlight of my journalistic career.

What in the name of Jeff Jones is American doing at No. 3 in the Atlantic 11 poll? Will I have to start leaving American off of my ballot entirely in an attempt to offset other voters?

I don't have an issue. American split with Maryland the last two years, both games in CP. They will never, ever get to play an ACC or Big East school at Bender.

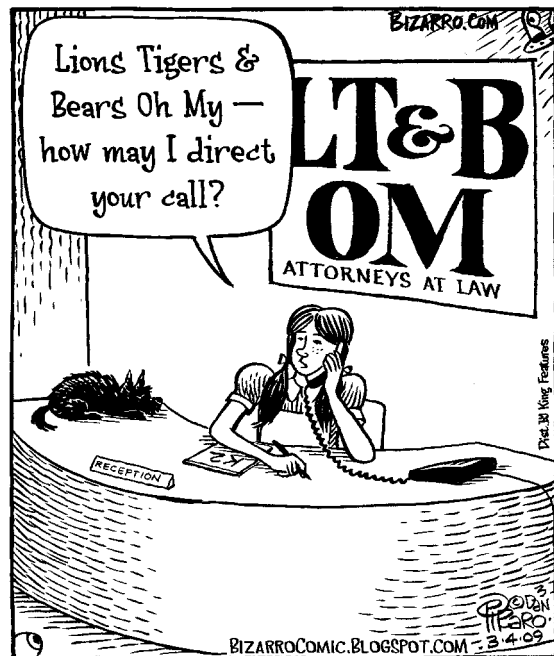
Will The Post have the resources to cover D.C. United when it moves to Maryland?

Zing! I've heard from exactly two Orioles fans who were upset with our decision. Now, granted, there's no reason for them to contact me in particular, but I typically hear from a decent number of people who want to complain about coverage choices.

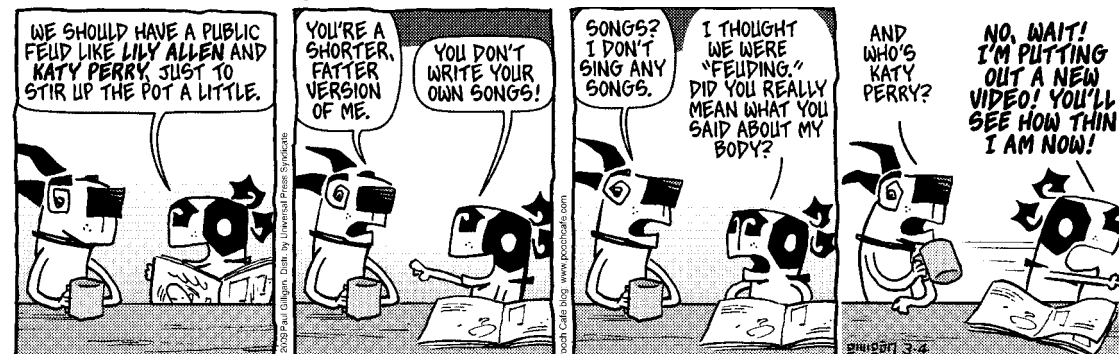
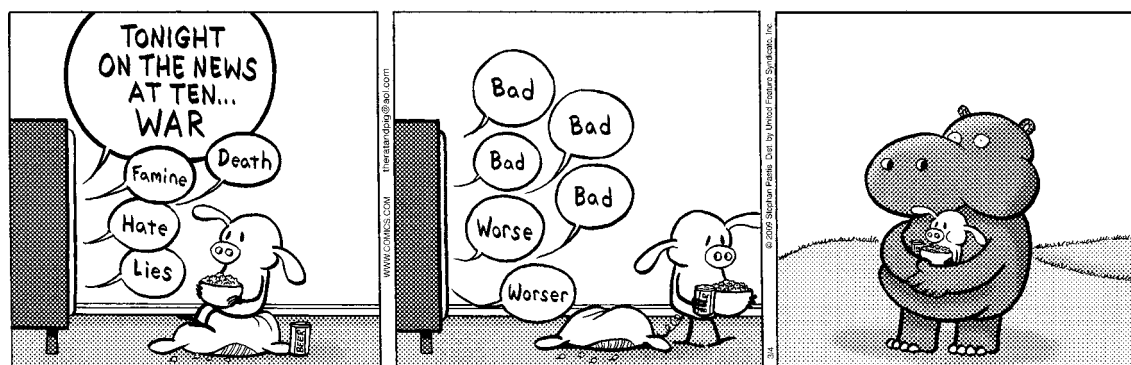
Hypothetically, would you be interested in moving over to the editing/managing side of The Washington Post?

I think I'd be a heckuva copy editor, in all seriousness, and I'd miss writing about as much as the Redskins will miss Jason Taylor.

TODAY ON DISCUSSIONS: Want to work for the feds? Career counselor Derrick Dortch offers advice on how to break into the public sector at 11 a.m. | washingtonpost.com/discussions.

Bizarro | Dan Piraro

Cornered | Mike Baldwin


"OK, let's start there. When did you first realize you weren't very compactible?"

Pooch Cafe | Paul Gilligan

Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis

The Duplex | Glenn McCoy


Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You're in for more passion and intensity than you had bargained for — provided you continue along your current course.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If it's attention you're after, you can have it, simply by trusting your instincts and saying and doing what you are tempted to say and do.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) One or two obstacles may spring up before you, but you are well equipped to deal with each.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You may be torn between two conflicting, deeply rooted impulses. Which will win out — your wanderlust or your genuine desire for permanence?

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Now is no time to tempt fate by doing something you know to be dangerous. You'll want to keep yourself and others as safe as possible.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You may be feeling

as though time is running out on a pet project — but just in time you could receive a much-needed boost.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Do you want to remain behind the scenes of an unfolding drama, or do you want to take your place onstage? You have a key role to play.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Questions you ask are not likely to be answered right away. Be willing to collect information bit by bit.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Others' demands may have proved somewhat daunting in the past, but you'll have what it takes to do only what is true to you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Your freedom may be at stake, and yet you are not likely to realize it at first. Later on, you'll swing into action, surely.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If anyone is breathing down your neck, you're not likely to perform up to par. You'll require trust and free rein to do your best.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You have a great deal of respect for those who have made a difference in the past, and the lessons you've learned can serve you well.



Brett Favre — shown on Jan. 12, 2008 — retired from football on this day in 2008.

Today in History

1789 The Constitution of the United States goes into effect as the first Federal Congress meets in New York. (The lawmakers then adjourned for lack of a quorum.)

1809 James Madison is sworn in as the fourth U.S. president. (The occasion marks the first time an inaugural ball is held the evening after the swearing-in.)

1861 Abraham Lincoln becomes the 16th U.S. president.

1989 Time Inc. and Warner Communications Inc. announce plans for a media merger.

1999 Outraging Italian authorities, a military jury in North Carolina clears a Marine pilot of charges he was flying recklessly when his jet sliced through a ski gondola cable in the Alps, killing 20 people.

2008 Green Bay Packers quarterback Brett Favre retires after 17 seasons. (Favre later made a comeback with the New York Jets before retiring again.)

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LOOK

out

People



"Bono Boulevard sounds nice, too."

HONORS

Where the Street Has a Name, If Just Temporarily

Part of Manhattan's West 53rd Street was temporarily renamed **U2** Way after the Irish rockers Tuesday. Mayor Michael Bloomberg and City Council Speaker Christine Quinn presented the four members with street signs bearing the band's name. (AP)

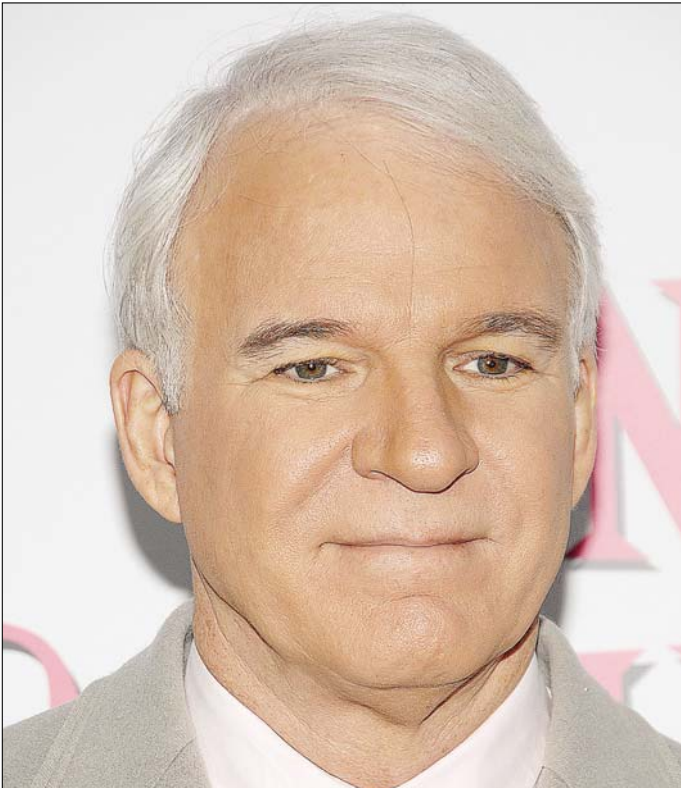
WARNING, PART 2:

This, on the Other Hand, Kind of Sounds Like a Joke

The members of **BON JOVI** are marking their 25th anniversary with "Bon Jovi: When We Were Beautiful," an "insider portrait" that includes previously unpublished photographs and text by the band members. (AP)

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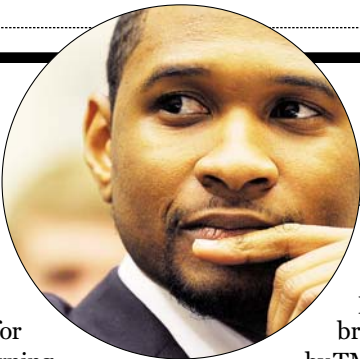
→ Find the latest celebrity news and photo evidence of stars' sordid lives at WWW.EXPRESSNIGHTOUT.COM.



WARNING:

This Is Not a Joke

STEVE MARTIN has packed so much into his 63 years that it seems easier to mention what he hasn't done instead of what he has done. A comedian, actor, playwright, author, art collector, juggler and magician, Martin's latest feat is "The Crow: New Songs for the Five-String Banjo," his first album of music. Martin wrote or co-wrote all 15 tracks, only one of which is overtly comedic. (AP)



CRITIQUES

Outpouring Of Insults From Fellow Celebs Begins

According to Usmagazine.com, **USHER** has words for Chris Brown concerning photos that show the troubled 19-year-old singer smiling and riding around on Jet Skis in Miami last weekend. "I'm a little disappointed in this photo," Usher says about the

We expect other A-listers to put in their two cents.

shots of Brown. "After the other photo [of Rihanna's bruised face posted by TMZ]? C'mon, Chris.

Have a little bit of remorse, man. The man's on Jet Skis? Like, just relaxing in Miami?" Brown and singer Rihanna have reportedly reconciled. (EXPRESS)

RULES

They Say 'It's Never Too Late.' Here Is an Exception

MICHAEL JACKSON's spokeswoman said Tuesday that the musician will make a "special announcement" in London this week, amid buzz the reclusive singer will announce his first live concerts in years. Sky News



and others have reported that the troubled King of Pop will perform a string of dates at the city's O2 Arena. Jackson spokeswoman Celena Aponte said the reports were speculative. (AP)

FANS

Clowns of All Shapes and Sizes Gather to Worship

BRITNEY SPEARS returns to the tour circuit tonight for the first time in five years. The "Circus" tour — which starts at the New Orleans Arena, in Spears' home state of Louisiana — marks another step in the ongoing rehabilitation of Spears' image and career. (AP)

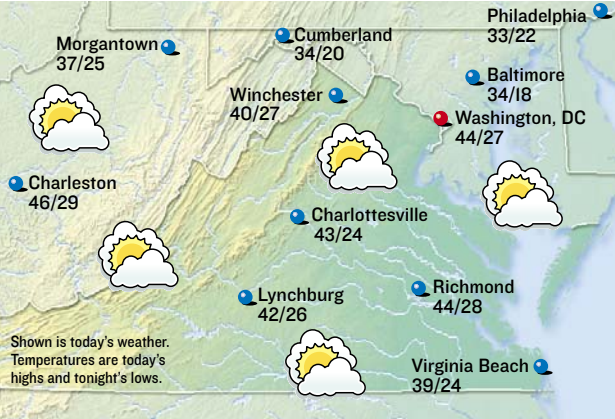


There had better be juggling involved.

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Partly sunny	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy, milder	Mostly cloudy, mild	Partly sunny	Mostly cloudy
44°	27°	54° / 37°	55° / 44°	62° / 44°	59° / 41°

Regional Weather



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Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Tues.

Temperature

High 28°

Low 14°

Normal high 51°

Normal low 34°

Average humidity 42%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m. 0.00"

Month to date 0.50"

Normal month to date 0.33"

Year to date 3.53"

Last year to date 5.54"

Normal year to date 6.17"

For up-to-the-minute weather, see: washingtontimes.com/weather

Regional Forecast

D.C. Metro: Today, partly sunny, breezy. High 44. Wind west-southwest 6-12 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 27. Wind south-southwest 3-6 mph.

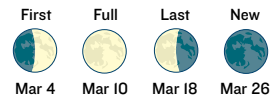
Sun and Moon

Sunrise today 6:36 a.m.

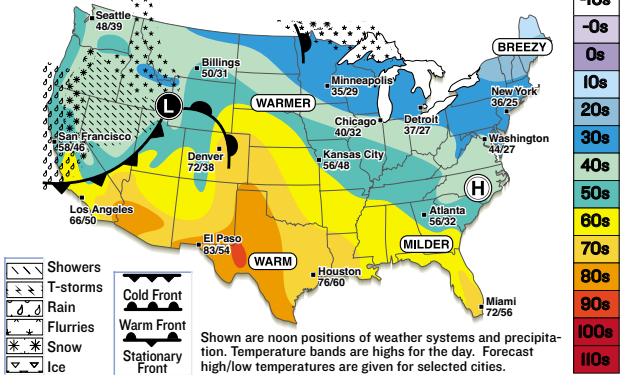
Sunset tonight 6:04 p.m.

Moonrise today 10:51 a.m.

Moonset today 1:40 a.m.



National Weather for Wednesday, March 4



National Cities

City	Today	Thur.
Atlanta	56/32/s	66/46/s
Boston	32/18/s	37/26/pc
Chicago	40/32/pc	53/39/c
Dallas	75/57/s	83/61/pc
Denver	72/38/pc	60/27/pc
Honolulu	78/66/sh	79/65/c
Los Angeles	66/50/r	66/50/pc
Miami	72/56/s	74/63/s
New York City	36/25/s	44/31/pc
Orlando	70/47/s	75/53/s
Seattle	48/39/pc	46/33/c

World Cities

City	Today	Thur.
Amsterdam	45/36/r	46/39/r
Athens	64/54/s	63/50/sh
Berlin	48/38/pc	47/39/r
Buenos Aires	72/63/r	77/66/pc
Calgary	42/14/pc	21/-2/sn
Dublin	39/34/sn	43/37/pc
Geneva	48/39/r	40/31/sn
Moscow	32/18/pc	30/21/sf
Rome	57/46/r	55/43/r
Sydney	81/59/r	72/59/pc
Tokyo	46/39/r	54/43/sh

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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ACROSS

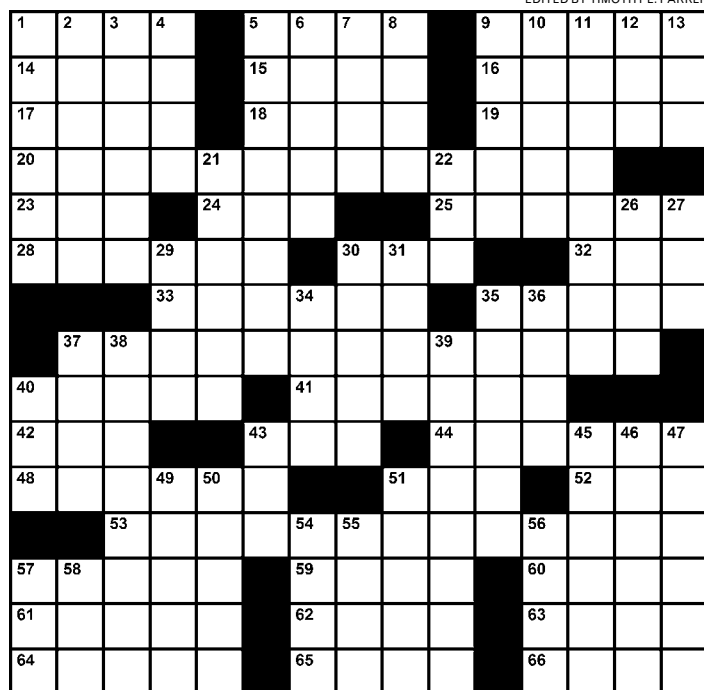
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5 "___ just kidding!"
9 Tennessee
footballer
14 Russian city
15 Cape Canaveral
org.
16 Sidestep
17 451, in old Rome
18 ___ empty
stomach
19 Gloom's opposite
20 Table condiments
23 Perjury offense
24 "Once Upon a
Mattress" legume
25 Hoity-toity
28 Meal highlight
30 "The Bridge of San
Luis ___"
32 Like a fiddle
33 In shock
35 Book backbone
37 Little girls'
ingredients?
40 Chambermaid's
supply
41 Sri Lanka's former
name
42 Onassis, familiarly
43 I Like ___
(presidential slogan)
44 "nothing to fear
but fear ___"
48 Knocked to the
canvas
51 Letters on letters
to GIs
52 New prefix

53 Quick salad

dressing
57 Waitress with Sam
and Coach
59 Knock off
60 Weathercock
61 "Are too" response
62 "Amas" follower in
a Latin line
63 They may be
crushed or swollen
64 Old hat
65 Lotto's cousin
66 Mortgage
alternative

DOWN

1 Bo's'n's quarters
2 Make a father of
3 Air rifle projectile
4 Alluring dress
feature
5 Start for "and out
the other"
6 Jamie Lee Curtis'
1988 fish
7 Quickly, quickly
8 All there, mentally
9 Where Rays and
rays play
10 Like Harvard's
walls
11 "Super!"
12 Van Gogh's forte
13 Maximum degree
21 Tarzan's moniker
22 Wood thickness
26 Have lobster
27 Had lobster
29 In thing



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30 Actress Zellweger
31 Whirling water
34 Richard's "An
Officer and a
Gentleman" role
35 Exact, in British
slang
36 Safety and bobby
37 Royal honorific
38 Mythical horned
beasts
39 Put on, as pajamas
40 Young boy
43 Actress Lupino

45 Mesh, as gears
46 Use as a crutch
47 Wooded area
49 Dealers'
quantities,
sometimes
50 Thrill
51 Birdlike
54 Fargo location,
briefly
55 Rotunda feature
56 At any time
57 Upper limit
58 Surgeons' org.

Yesterday's Solution



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each row, column and
3-by-3 square includes
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every Sunday and in the
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through Saturday.

Yesterday's Solution

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Foxfire Grill
703.914.9280

ARLINGTON
zpizza *
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ASHBURN
Sala Thai
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BALLSTON
The Melting Pot
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Don Churro Cafe
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Clarendon Grill
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Delhi Club 35%
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FALLS CHURCH
Argia's **35%**
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Bubba's Bar-B-Q
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GAINESVILLE
Zed's Bistro/
Wine Bar **50%**
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Thai Phoon Restaurant
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Domaso Trattoria
Moderna
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Italian Cuisine**
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Guapo's Restaurant
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**Luna Grill
and Diner 35%**
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zpizza *
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Tequila Grande
703.255.5933

* zpizza's contribution
will be from Dine In &
Carry-Out only

Lunch Specials

Grab Your Co-Workers

and Head to One of These Restaurants also
Participating at Lunch

- Annie's Paramount Steakhouse
- Arucola Osteria
- Bombay Curry Company
- Bubba's Bar-B-Q
- Cactus Cantina
- Cafe Berlin
- Chick-fil-A at Silver Spring
- Clarendon Grill
- Commissary
- CommonWealth Gastropub
- Darlington House
- Delhi Club
- Delhi Dhaba
- Don Churro Cafe
- Dos Gringos Cafe
- Ella's Wood Fired Pizza
- Extra Virgin Italian Cuisine
- Grillfish
- Indique Heights
- La Fourchette
- Las Placitas Restaurant
- Lauriol Plaza
- Logan Tavern
- Mark's Kitchen
- Marshall's Bar and Grille
- Mr. Henry's
- Persimmon
- Raku - Dupont
- Sala Thai - All Locations
- Tabard Inn
- Tempo
- The Heights
- Urbana Restaurant and Wine Bar
- zpizza - All Locations
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